Box 374

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Assassination of President Kennedy

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Memo for the files from Bailey Guard

Mr. William Smith (724 Third Street, N. W., apt 406) came to the office Tuesday morning, June 14, talked to Mr. Guard. Left a copy of his book, "Assassination by Concensus", which he did not insist that Senator read but brought because, from reading the hearing testimony, he considered that of all the Commission members, Senator Cooper would have been most likely to dissent from the Warren report, although he did not and, from his questions, appeared to have reservations.

Smith is publishing himself; meanwhile working in Washington as a waiter; originally from Charleston North Carolina, and attended college at North Carolina (State?).

Smith contends, among other things, that the assassination was the result of an organized plot, the President was killed from the third shot from the following car (FBI). The first two shots from the depository building were in fact a 22 and a mauser; the mauser was one of two guns taken into the building by William Caster in cartons but no evidence taken out; the small hole in the skull was a "manufactured" hole made later; the 22 bullet from deep inside the body was removed by the tracheotomy; these actions presumably for the purpose of disguising the direction and origin of the shots and creating the impression of a high angle of fire from the depository building; that Lane did not succeed in establishing one thing, that Oswald did not kill officer Tippit.

Mr. Guard talked to Mr. Smith for the purpose of not arousing resentment by rebuffing him and his work. Smith says he also left copies at the Washington Post, the Civil Liberties Union, and the Unitarian (Church?). Instruction s were not to remove the booklet attached to inside rear cover until chapter 8 was reached, so that it could be understood.